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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST MOHAVE 7 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FILED BY ROGER AND DARLENE 8

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MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INCORPORATED'S MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

In their Motion to

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Mohave Electric Cooperative, Incorporated ("MEC") respectfully requests the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") enter a procedural order setting a date and time for oral argument on all pending motions. The ALJ's Procedural Order of September 23, 2013 provided, in part: On September 16, 2013, the Chantels filed a Motion to Postpone Most of the Issues at the Hearing on September 25, 2013 ("Motion to Postpone") and a Motion to Hear Issues on the Emergency Notice

of Action Submitted to Steven Olea of the Arizona Corporation

Postpone, the Complainants assert that the parties plan to conduct an

inspection of MEC's lines along Highway 66 and request that most of the issues to be heard at the September 25, 2013 proceeding be

postponed pending results of the inspection. Instead, in their Motion

Commission ("Motion to Hear Issues").

to Hear Issues, the Chantels request that the Emergency Notice of Action be heard on that day. In the interest of administrative efficiency, it is reasonable to vacate the September 25, 2013 procedural conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the September 25, 2013 procedural conference is hereby vacated.

MEC agrees the interest of administrative efficiency is furthered by hearing argument on all pending motions simultaneously. As explained in MEC's consolidated

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response filed September 23, 2013, the issues raised in Complainants September 16, 2013 pleadings merely restate and reurge positions previously raised before the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") and in the civil action they brought in the Mohave County Superior Court arising out of the same facts alleged in the ACC complaint. All issues have been exhaustively examined by the courts. The Superior Court entered judgment for MEC and against Complainants and the Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment on appeal. The judgment and decision are now final and non-appealable. Copies of the final judgment and decision of the Court of Appeals are attached as Exhibits A and B to MEC's Motion to Reconsider Motion to Dismiss.

This matter has now been pending since March 24, 2009. It was stayed 3 ½ years while Complainants pursued their civil action. The stay was lifted by Procedural Order dated September 9, 2013. MEC has responded to all motions filed by Complainants. Complainants have responded to MEC's Motion to Reconsider Motion to Dismiss. The time for filing replies expired on or before October 7, 2013. It is time to resolve the pending motions and MEC respectfully requests that a procedural order be entered setting a date and time for oral argument.

The purpose for the Complainants' motion to postpone the procedural hearing was for ACC Staff to conduct an inspection of certain MEC facilities. While, to date, Staff has not participated in this proceeding, MEC is aware that Staff did inspect MEC facilities along Highway 66 and on the Complainants property on September 18, 2013. MEC has previously submitted documentation to the ACC and the courts indicating its facilities meet applicable industry standards. MEC has received nothing from Staff during or following the September 18, 2013 inspection indicating otherwise.

The Complainants had also filed an informal complaint with the ACC and an earlier lawsuit in Mohave County Superior Court for a writ of mandamus on the same issues, both of which were also resolved adverse to Complainants.

1 If the ALJ believes that a report from Staff regarding its inspection would be 2 beneficial, then the ALJ should consider inviting Staff to file a brief report on Staff's 3 September 18, 2013 inspection of the MEC poles at least five (5) business days before the 4 time set for the procedural conference. 5 DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013. 6 CURTIS, GOODWIN, SULLIVAN, UDALL & SCHWAB, P.L.C. 7 8 By: Michael A. Curtis 9 Larry K. Udall 10 501 East Thomas Road Phoenix, Arizona 85012-3205 11 Attorneys for Mohave Electric Cooperative, Incorporated 12 13 14 PROOF AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 15 I hereby certify that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, I caused the foregoing document to be served on the Arizona Corporation Commission by delivering the original 16 and thirteen (13) copies of the above to: 17 **Docket Control** 18 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington 19 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 COPY of the foregoing hand-delivered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 to: 21 22 Belinda A. Martin, Administrative Law Judge Arizona Corporation Commission 23 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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4	COPY of the foregoing mailed and e-mailed this 8 <sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013 to:  Roger and Darlene Chantel 10001 E. Highway 66 Kingman, Arizona 86401
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